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The Honorable Hugh S. Downs, Jr.
Director of Intelligence and Research
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Hugh:

With respect to your letter of 17 December asking that the Agency prepare a paper on Brezhnev's own military and strategic thinking, I learned that there is a project going forward which is closely in line with Foy Kohler's requirements. Sherman Hart has been in touch with Allan Evans on this matter and has informed Mr. Evans that we will forward copies of the study to him as soon as it is completed. The completion date is two or three weeks hence.

Sincerely,

Robert Amory, Jr.
Deputy Director (Intelligence)

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THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE AND RESEARCH
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Dear Allen:

Foy Kohler recently suggested that a study of Khrushchev's military and strategic concepts be prepared in time to be of use in the preparation of the US position for the summit conference. He mentioned no specific deadline, but I think that mid-February would probably be satisfactory to him as a completion date.

We feel that a study of this kind would be useful. As we see it, the paper might start by identifying the main themes that run through Khrushchev's remarks on military and strategic matters, and then attempt to ascertain the real nature of his concepts, taking obvious tactical purpose into account and comparing his statements with 1) Soviet military doctrine, 2) the Soviet attitude toward war and peace in the advancement of communist power, and 3) our ideas of military realities.

We are in some doubt, however, as to who would best undertake the job. A number of Khrushchev's statements, such as his remarks about the vulnerability of navies to missile attack, must, of course, be judged primarily against the background of military intelligence and technical considerations. On the other hand, an intelligent assessment of Khrushchev's remarks on military and strategic subjects involves many considerations of a non-military nature.

For obvious reasons we do not think that INR should undertake the job unilaterally. At the same time, I am afraid that the paper might become overly diffused if drafted on a community basis.

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The Honorable
Allen W. Dulles,
Director, Central Intelligence Agency,
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It looks to me very much as though the paper would best be prepared by CIA. If you agree that this would be the best way to handle the matter, you will find that members of ONE are already informally aware of the problem, and I hope you will feel justified in authorizing them to undertake the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. Cumming", written in a cursive style.

Hugh S. Cumming, Jr.
The Director of Intelligence and Research

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles:

A copy each has already been sent
to Sherman Kent for necessary action and
to Bob Amory for information.

*After you have noted I will
show this to General Cabell.*



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